Reduction in call rates for internet users

1925. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BSNL has announced that it would reduce call rates for the internet users;

(b) if so, whether any order has been issued in this regard; and

(c) if not, by when it would be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Blocking websites on internet

1926. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert team appointed by the Mumbai High Court opined that it would not be possible to block websites on the internet;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce photo identity cards for the users of cybercafes as suggested by the team; and

(c) what are the other suggestions of the team which Government propose to implement?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Government is aware that Mumbai High Court appointed an expert team to recommend measures to protect and shield minors from pornographic and obscene material on the internet. The subject is under consideration of Mumbai High Court on a Public Interest Litigation case involving State of Maharashtra.